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In response to the Official Action dated **August 4, 2006**, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and/or remarks as indicated below:

☐   **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page   of this paper.

☐   **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page   of this paper.

☐   **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page   of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

☒   **Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.